OPEN HOUSE PHASE II

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

JUNE 2014

RESTON MASTER PLAN SPECIAL STUDY

36 COMMUNITY COMMENT FORMS WERE RECEIVED AT THE JUNE 7TH OPEN HOUSE

The following is a summary of the community comments gathered at the June 7th Open House event that presented Phase II of the Reston Master Plan Special Study. Comments were segmented into 9 general topic areas. Comments that fall into multiple categories may be repeated.

Also, in order to summarize the comments into unambiguous and simple bulleted statements, some of the comments have been paraphrased, while other statements are presented verbatim.



Affordable Housing

- Include fair and affordable housing in Comprehensive Plan.
- Place hard affordable housing targets and numerical expectations in Comprehensive Plan language.

Village Centers

- Fairfax County needs to help revitalize Tall Oaks Village Center.
- Redo Tall Oaks and reorient retail towards Wiehle Avenue.
- Increase bike access into Lake Anne Village Center.
- Allow recreation uses, as well as, child and family oriented uses in Tall Oaks Village Center.
- Place the recreation center at Tall Oaks Village Center as opposed to Baron Cameron.

Roads and Traffic

- Improve Hunter Mill Road Interchange.
- Re-align Sunset Hills Road to Crowell Road.
- Mitigate traffic impacts at the entrance of Lake Fairfax Park from Lake Fairfax Drive by creating more entrances.
- Decrease traffic congestion on Reston Parkway.
- Make sure redevelopment does not worsen traffic impacts.
- Plan and implement road improvements along Hunter Mill Road and Sunset Hills Avenue to mitigate congestion caused by development and activity around the Wiehle-Reston East station.

Thank you, United Christian Parish Church, for hosting the Phase II Open House.

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Parking

- Improve parking control around Wiehle-Reston East station.
- Improve parking capacity and increase free parking around Wiehle-Reston East station.

Plan Amendment/Redevelopment Process

- Ensure that community meetings prioritize community input and provide opportunity to engage the community in order to gather input.
- Connect infrastructure needs and planned implementation better than what was done in Phase I.
- Make sure people have access and time to provide comment on any displays and surveys.
 Reston Museum is a suggested location.

Parks and Recreation

- Place the Recreation Center at Tall Oaks Village Center as opposed to Baron Cameron.
- Divert some of Baron Cameron's operating budget to providing affordable housing.
- Add more garden plots to meet demand.
- Include income as a factor for renting garden plots. Provide greater opportunity or cheaper rents for households with less income.
- Keep existing Baron Cameron dog park entrance.
- Enlarge the dog park at Baron Cameron Park.
- Expand vehicular access to Lake Fairfax
 Park and Water Mine Rec facility to include both south and north entrances.
- Continue to provide community amenities like tennis and basketball courts, pools, and trails.
- Study the confluence of Hunter Mill Road and access to Lake Fairfax Park.

Public Transit

- South Reston buses should be on a loop that consists of the following route: go to Toll Road via Reston Parkway entrance, Wiehle-Reston East station, turn right on Wiehle Avenue, right on Sunrise Valley Drive and return.
- Connect affordable housing to transit.
- Make the feedback and actions from the Metro Town Hall meetings public.

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Redevelopment

- We are concerned about redevelopment occurring without the consent of association members. Unanimous agreement should be required.
- Redevelopment should sync with public and transportation infrastructure.
- Make sure redevelopment either keeps green space or adds green space.
- Make sure redevelopment does not worsen traffic impacts.
- Mitigate the traffic impacts around the redevelopment at Wiehle-Reston East Metro Station.
- Do not redevelop the golf course to anything other than open green space.
- Redevelopment should continue to connect with the community and Reston's nature.
- Allow residential communities to convert to other uses. Reduce hurdles for redeveloping residential communities.

Pedestrian/Bike Connectivity

- Construct a lighted crosswalk across Soapstone
 Drive between the KinderCare Learning Center
 and the Soapstone Convenience Center.
- Connect bike and walking paths to separate pedestrians from the road.
- Construct sidewalks/walking paths on both sides of major roads.
- Place street lights on major roads.
- Remove weak trees and rotting debris from Reston's walking paths.
- Establish bike sharing.
- Expand Lawyers Road bike lanes to Twin Branches Road.
- Ensure that the needs and movement of the disabled are reflected as part of the transit network.
- Integrate multimodal access at the intersection of Temporary Road and Old Reston Avenue.
- Increase bike access into Lake Anne.



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